FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Special Exception. The Joint Petitioners herein, the Council of Unit Owners of Annen Woods Condominium No. 5 (the property owner) and Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems, Inc. (the proposed lessee, hereinafter referred to as "Bell Atlantic"), request approval for a special exception to operate three wireless transmitting and receiving structures atop building No. 5 of the Annen Woods Condominium located at the above-referenced address, all in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1 which was submitted at the time of the hearing.

Appearing at the public hearing on behalf of Bell Atlantic were ichard R. Dolson, the General Manager for the Baltimore\Washington ell Atlantic Mobile Network and Richard W. Goodman, the Construction Engineer for the Baltimore/Washington Bell Atlantic Network. Also appearing on behalf of the Petitioner was Edward Marquez, Bell Atlantic's Manager of Network Engineering, and William Monk, a professional land planner in Baltimore County. The O o Petitioner was represented by Robert A. Hoffman, Esquire. There were no protestants present.

> since they will be mounted on an existing structure (i.e. the apartment building) over fifty feet in height. Notwithstanding this, Bell Atlantic must still comply with the remaining requirements of §502.7.C as follows:

- (6) Environment Protection Agency standards and guidelines relating to radiation emissions shall be met at all times;
- (7) When the use is terminated, the structure shall be removed;
- (8) Every five years, or sooner in the event of substantial damage, a certification by a professional engineer registered in Maryland shall be filed with the Department of Permits and Licenses indicating that the aforementioned structure meets all safety requirement. Any upgrading or maintenance required to comply with any changes in the safety requirement, or to maintain the safety thereof, shall be performed prior to the filing of such certification;
- (9) No white stroboscopic lights are permitted; and
- (10) In order to insure against adverse effects on its surroundings, an environmental impact statement, as defined in Section 101, shall be submitted to the Zoning Commissioner. . . .

It is clear from the testimony and evidence that without the requested special exception the quality of Petitioner's services would be adversely affected. Moreover, I find that the Petitioner has met the special exception requirements contained in §502.1 and 502.7 of the B.C.Z.R. The wireless transmitting and receiving structures located on the roof of the Annen Woods Condominium No. 5 will not be detrimental to the health, safety or general welfare of the surrounding population. I also find that sufficient evidence has been presented to conclude that the wireless transmitter will not impair the use or value of the neighboring properties. Finally, I find that the special exception will not be contrary to the spirit and intent of the Zoning Regulations

Initial testimony at the hearing indicated that the subject property, zoned DR-16, is located at the intersection of Hooks Lane & Park Heights Avenue in Pikesville, Maryland. The site is comprised of a six-story condominium, currently known as Annen Woods Condominium No. 5, which is owned by the Council of Unit Owners of Annen Woods Condominium No. 5. Bell Atlantic has filed the instant petition to permit the construction and operation of three wireless transmitting and receiving structures (each one comprised of three individual directional antennas) (hereinafter referred to as the "antennas"). The three antennas would be attached to the side of the existing equipment/elevator room which is located on the roof of the condominium building. In addition, an equipment room containing switching gear and other apparatus would be located in the basement of the building. Each of the three antennas would be mounted flush on one of the outside walls of the equipment/elevator room and occupy an area on the room's outside wall approximately 4 x 18 feet. When mounted, the antennsa would not protrude above the top of the equipment/elevator room.

Mr. Hoffman, counsel for the Petitioner, proffered testimony for Mr. Dolson, Mr. Goodman and Mr. Marquez of Bell Atlantic. The testimony proffered for Mr. Dolson explained the background of cellular telephones in general as well as in the Baltimore area and demonstrated how Bell Atlantic generates and utilizes "grouping patterns" for the efficient delivery of its services. Testimony was similarly proffered for Mr. Dolson indicating that the increase in the use of the cellular telephone has resulted in the need for Bell Atlantic to construct more transmitters (known as "cell" sites) in order to provide customers with "seamless" telephone coverage in the

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner of

Baltimore County this 3 day of August, 1993, that the Petition

for Special Exception pursuant to §1B01.1.C.20 B.C.Z.R. to allow for

Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the

(1) The Petitioner may apply for its

building permit and be granted same

upon receipt of this Order; however,

Petitioner is hereby made aware that

proceeding at this time is at its own

has expired. If, for whatever reason,

this Order is reversed, the Petitioner

would be required to return, and be

property to its original condition.

(2) A sign shall be posted on the

doorway which accesses the subject

are in operation on the rooftop.

roof, stating that radio transmitters

Any appeal of this decision must be taken in accordance with

responsible for returning, said

risk until such time as the thirty (30) day appellate process from this Order

the construction and operation of three wireless transmitting and

public hearing held on this Petition, and for the reasons given

above, the requested Special Exception should be granted.

receiving structures in a DR-16 zone, in accordance with

Baltimore area. Without more transmitters, Bell Atlantic's cellular telephone customers would be unable to travel in the Baltimore area with the assurance that their phone conversations would not be cut off by gaps in coverage. In support of this testimony, Bell Atlantic submitted a plan, entered as Exhibit No. 4, which shows the location of existing cell sites in the Baltimore area and where cellular telephone coverage is insufficient by Bell Atlantic's standards. In addition, Mr. Marquez demonstrated why the location at the Annen Woods Condominium was chosen by Bell Atlantic as its next cell site in order to improve coverage.

Mr. Hoffman next proffered testimony as to the specific

characteristics of the subject Annen Woods Condominium site. As is

required by §502.7.C.10 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R."), the Petitioner submitted an environmental impact statement (Exhibit No. 5) which confirmed that the proposed antennas would not have a substantial adverse impact on the environment. Also, a study was done to confirm that there would be no adverse impact on anyone who might work on the roof in proximity to the antennas. Moreover, the location and design of the proposed antennas were described and illustrated via testimony of Mr. Goodman and Mr. Marquez as well as photographs, which were submitted as Exhibits No. 2(a) - 2(c). These photographs confirmed that the antennas atop the Annen Woods Condominium building would have little, if any, visual impact. Finally, testimony was proffered for Mr. Monk, Bell Atlantic's expert land planner, indicating that the proposed antennas would have no adverse impact on the surrounding properties. Mr. Monk's conclusions regarding the impact of the proposed antennas were substantiated via photographs of the building and the surrounding area which were submitted as Petitioner's Exhibits No. 3(a) - 3(d).

Initially, I note that wireless transmitting and receiving structures are permitted in DR-16 zones by special exception, pursuant to §1B01.1.C.20 B.C.Z.R. Moreover, §502.1 of the B.C.Z.R. requires that before any special exception may be granted, I must first determine that the use for the special exception is requested will not:

- (a) be detrimental to the health, safety or general welfare of the locality involved;
- (b) tend to create congestion in roads, streets or alleys therein;
- (c) create a potential hazard from fire, panic or other
- (d) tend to overcrowd land and cause undue concentration of population;
- (e) interfere with adequate provisions for schools, parks, water, sewerage, transportation or other public requirements, conveniences or improvement;
- (f) interfere with adequate light and air;
- (g) be inconsistent with the purposes of the properties zoning classification nor in any other way inconsistent with the spirit and intent of these zoning regulation; nor
- (h) be inconsistent with the impermeable surface and vegetative retention provisions of these zoning regulations.

In addition to the requirements of §502.1, §502.7 imposes specific regulations regarding the granting of special exceptions for wireless transmitting and receiving structures such as the one

§502.7.D. the provisions of subparagraphs 502.7.C.1,2,3,4 and 5 do not apply to the wireless transmitters requested by Bell Atlantic

requested herein. It should be noted, however, that pursuant to

**Baltimore County Government** 

Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

Suite 113 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

August 4, 1993

G. Paige Wingert, Esquire Robert A. Hoffman, Esquire Venable, Baetjer & Howard 210 Allegheny Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION SW/Corner Hooks Lane and Park Heights Avenue (1 Grist Mill Court) 3rd Election District - 2nd Councilmanic District Council of Unit Owners of Annen Woods Condominium No. 5 - Petitioners Case No. 93-461-X

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Special Exception has been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Zoning Administration and Development Management office at 887-3391.

Very truly yours,

TIMOTHY N. KOTROCO Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

cc: People's Counsel

WED FOR

Petition for Special Exception 93-461-X to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at Pikesville, Maryland 21208 which is presently zoned DR 16 This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached

hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Special Exception under the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to use the herein described property for a wireless transmitting and receiving structure pursuant to section 1801.1.C.20 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.	
I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Special Exception advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and reto to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.	

Contract Purchaser/Lessee:			
Bell Atlantic	Mobile	Systems	,
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Catonsville,	MD	21228	
<del>17</del>	State	Zipcode	

Robert A. Hoffman, Esq. yoe or Print Name) Venable, Baetjer and Howard 210 Allegheny Avenue 494-6262

Council of Unit Owners of Annen Woods Condominium No. 5 erbert N. Berkow, President

VWe do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the

No. 1 Grist Mill Court 484-2273 Pikesville, Name, Address and phone number of legal owner, contact purchaser or representative

Robert A. Hoffman 210 Allegheny Ave., Towson, MD 21204

following restrictions:

§26-132 of the Baltimore County Code.

Baltimore County

Deputy Zoning Commissioner for



DESCRIPTION OF 0.1293 ACRE PARCEL BEING A PORTION OF THE AMENDED PLAT OF SECTION 1 THE VILLAGE

This Description if for a Special Exception.

COMMENCING FOR THE SAME at the intersection of the southerly side of Hooks Lane and the westerly side of Park Heights Avenue, thence binding on the westerly side of Park Heights Avenue, South 24 degrees 53 minutes 49 seconds East 345.51 feet and southerly by a curve to the left 86.54 feet, by the arc, said curve having a radius of 7,719.44 feet and chord of South 25 degrees 13 minutes 06 seconds East 86.57 feet, thence leaving Park Heights Avenue, South 65 degrees 06 minutes 11 seconds West 29.94 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, thence running around the Special Exception Parcel,

- 1) South 24 degrees 53 minutes 49 seconds East 97.00 feet
- 2) South 65 degrees 06 minutes 11 seconds West 65.93 feet
- North 24 degrees 53 minutes 49 seconds West 52.00 feet
- North 65 degrees 06 minutes 11 seconds East 17.00 feet
- North 24 degrees 53 minutes 49 seconds West 45.00 feet
- 6) North 65 degrees 06 minutes 11 seconds East 48.93 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Saving and excepting therefrom those portions of the East Building that are private condominium residences and all those "common areas" not required for the Bell Atlantic Equipment.

> Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration

> and Development Management

July 19, 1993

RE: Case No. 93-461-X, Item No. 463

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee (ZAC) has reviewed the plans

from each reviewing agency are not intended to indicate the

appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all

parties, i.e., Zoning Commissioner, attorney and/or the petitioner, are

made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed

Enclosed are all comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC

that offer or request information on your petition. If additional

comments are received from other members of ZAC, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in

the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on June 21,

The following comments are related only to the filing of future

zoning petitions and are aimed at expediting the petition filing

1) The Director of Zoning Administration and Development Management has instituted a system whereby seasoned zoning attorneys who feel that they are capable of filing petitions that comply with all aspects of the zoning regulations and petitions

filing requirements can file their petitions with this office without the necessity of a preliminary review by Zoning personnel.

improvements that may have a bearing on this case.

1993, and a hearing was scheduled accordingly.

process with this office.

submitted with the above referenced petition. The attached comments

Petition for Special Exception

Petitioner: Council of Unit Owners of

Annen Woods Condominum No. 5 &

Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

Robert A. Hoffman, Esquire

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210 Allegheny Avenue

Towson, MD 21204

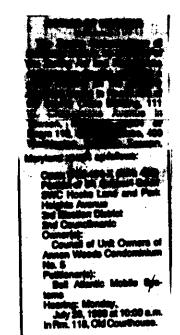
Dear Mr. Hoffman:

Towson, MD 21204

KCI Job No. 01-92121SX

(410) 887-3353

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THE JEFFERSONIAN.

Ms. Helene Kehring Zoning Administration and Development Management County Office Building

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not effected by any State Highway Administration project.

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

My telephone number is \_\_\_\_\_\_ Teletypewriter for impaired Hearing or Speech 383-7555 Baltimore Metro - 565-0451 D.C. Metro - 1-500-492-5062 Statewide Toll Free 707 North Calvert St., Baltimore, Maryland 21203-0717 BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Item# 463

Arnold Jablon, Director Zoning Administration and Development Management

DATE: July 1, 1993

Pat Keller, Deputy Director

Office of Planning and Zoning

Petitions from Zoning Advisory Committee

The Office of Planning and Zoning has no comments on the following petition(s): Item Nos. 449, 451, 452, 463, 464, 465, 486, 469 and 472.

If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the Office of Planning at 887-3480.

PK/JL:lw

**Baltimore County Government** Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management



111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204

Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

CASE NUMBER: 93-461-X (Item 463) Portion of #1 Gristmill Court SMC Hooks Lane and Park Heights Avenue 3rd Election District - 2nd Councilmenic Owner(s): Council of Unit Owners of Annen Woods Condominium No. 5 Petitioner(s): Bell Atlantic Mobile Stystems HEARING: MONDAY, JULY 26, 1993 at 10:00 a.m. in Rm. 118, Old Courthouse.

Special Exception for a wireless transmitting and receiving structure.

cc: Council of Unit Owners of Annen Woods Condominium No. 5 1 Grist Mill Court/Pikesville MD 21208 Richard W. Goodman/Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems/5631 Baltimore National Pike/Catonsville 21228 Robert A. Hoffman, Esq./210 Allegheny Avenue/Towson MD 21204

NOTES: (1) ZOWING SIGN & POST MUST BE RETURNED TO RM. 104, 111 W. CHESAPEAKE AVENUE ON THE HEARING DATE. (2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353. (3) FOR IMPORMATION CONCERING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THIS OFFICE AT 887-3391.

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

July 13, 1993

Mr. Arnold Jablon, Director Zoning Administration and Development Management

J. Lawrence Pilson JCP/fih( Development Coordinator, DEPRM

SUBJECT: Zoning Item #463 Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems, 1 Grist Mill Court Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of July 6, 1993

The Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management offers the following comments on the above-referenced zoning item:

The placement of a cellular phone (microwave) antenna array on the roof of the building at #1 Gristmill Court may create exposure levels on the roof in exceedance of the 2.8 mw/cm<sup>2</sup> ANSI standard. (The FCC enforces the ANSI standards as a licensing requirement.) This would subject anyone working on the roof for any length of time to an unacceptable microwave exposure risk. We recommend the following:

- 1. Bell Atlantic should demonstrate to Baltimore County either by taking measurements when the installation is completed or by providing the theoretical roof-level exposure calculations, that the microwave levels do not exceed the ANSI standard.
- 2. It is recommended that a sign be posted near all roof access doors warning of the presence of microwave radiation.

If there are any questions, the applicant may contact Steve Reekie of Air Quality at 887-3775.

JLP:jbm

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Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration

O. James Lighthizer Hal Kassoff

7-7-93

Re: BALTO, CO. Item No.: +463 (CAM)

Room 109 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Ms. Kehring:

449.ZAC/ZAC1

